

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....April 5, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg
Chilcott, Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes:Sally Fortino and Glenda Wiles

The Board of County Commissioners met with Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor Dave Bull and other members of the Forest Service which included Tracy Hollingshead and Dan Ritter.

Dan presented the Commissioners with a list of RAC candidates. He said Tom Henderson has been a replacement member in Group A for over a year. They would like to move him to a permanent spot in Group B, creating a vacancy in Group A, which they would like to fill with Daniel Thompson.

- Paul Belanger, Group B, works for Montana Audubon.
- Group C: Mary Bowling to fill the public at-large vacancy.

Dave said he wants diversity of viewpoints and gender. Fred Weisbecker will fill a public at-large position.

Commissioner Thompson said the names presented are the same ones the Board of County Commissioners felt were appropriate. It changes the makeup and mix to allow for diversity of opinions and viewpoints.

Dave said this is a partnership between the Forest Service and the County. We will submit names to the secretary; they will do a background check and confirm. It will take some time. We actually get acceptance from Washington before the certificates come.

Commissioner Thompson referred to a letter from Mr. Campbell, which talks about a total timber cut of 28%. He said the figure is grossly inaccurate.

Dave said he is working on a response that will go to the RAC. Immediate verification on clear-cut has been coded according to our standard measures. It meets the region's

definition of clear-cut. There are many standing trees that are not living. Commissioner Thompson suggested inviting some experts to meetings when this subject is discussed.

Dave said he appreciates that written reports are not automatically entered into record unless noted on the agenda properly. Commissioner Thompson said some submit inaccurate materials.

Dave said the Forest Plan revision will be addressed the end of April, for a 90-day public comment period. He would like to go over it with the Commissioners during the public meetings time period, May 8th, 18th, and 31st, analyzing comments and making necessary changes. The final document should be ready in late fall/early winter. Then it will be time to deal with travel management. The public process will begin after the first of the year, probably next spring. It must go through the EIS process, which will take some time. There is contention over motorized vs. non-motorized vehicles on public lands.

Commissioner Thompson said he has received many letters regarding trails. Some are for closing and some for keeping open. Some have come in after the petition was sent to the Governor.

Dave received an email from a group rallying support for a campaign to the Governor's office to look at management of road-less areas. They will ask the Governor take a broader view.

Implementing environmental management system: Dave said many private corps use them to identify areas where they may not be forest-friendly. Lost Trail and Powder Mountain are recommended for downhill skiing in the proposed plan. We expect to hear from people north of there. Lolo will have management areas that preclude development.

Dave said he sent the record of decision on Middle East Fork.

Tracy said some units are dropped from the decision. Some others require more information because of soil issues. Rather than hold up the whole proposal, we have dropped those areas from this proposal.

Dave said they could have waited, but wanted to get the decision out. Tracy said they are ready to get this implemented this year. There is a mixture of things on the map: salvaging dead trees, some planting required, intermediate treatments, and slashing; live green trees will stay. It makes it apparent what will be there when it's finished. Profits from salvage will help pay for the work. There will be 4.2 miles of road restoration. Currently these are closed to full-size vehicles and open to all terrain vehicles. Drainage will be improved on those roads and re-vegetation will be accomplished where needed. The plan is four stewardship contracts. There is a lot of interest and concern that the proposed tracts were too large for bidding. Dave calculated there are 14 million board feet for harvest, 11 million for four contracts. They have listened to many people and have taken their comments into consideration, and hope the project goes forward without litigation.

Administratively, this is the end of the project. They should be able to implement ideas. The Healthy Forest Restoration Act has some guidelines for litigation. Litigation must be filed within the district of Montana. There have been many rulings in our favor. Tracy said many favorable comments have come from the community as work is being implemented. When the project was started two years ago the Douglas Fir Bark Beetle hadn't hit some areas. A proposal is out for Lost Trail salvage; hopefully fieldwork will be completed this summer.

Dave said they are creating a Facility Master Plan, taking a strategic view of all facilities in Bitterroot National Forest: how many buildings are necessary, the cost to maintain them over time, administrative sites, lookouts and storage. There are five offices in the valley, and fifty miles from Stevensville to Sula. Maybe they don't need to spend money to maintain all five offices; should they look at consolidation? They will be examining recommendations in June. Nothing will happen in a hurry. They are re-negotiating with Mildenberger for space. They have an option to give him 60 days notice and move; the contract will be renegotiated in five years.

Commissioner Lund asked how the accounting procedure is working with centralizing it in New Mexico. Dave said it is working better. Hurricane Katrina wiped out the finance center, which compounded problems getting payments to vendors.

Dan referred to the Grief property; he requested access to the property. They pursued an exchange with him for a time, but had to drop it. Chatham may be an alternative to providing access. They are looking at the legal need to provide access or exchange.

Commissioner Thompson referred to consolidation of offices, which has met with some opposition on the national level. Some good people have been lost; in the Bitterroot it has to negatively affect you. We lost the mills in Darby; there is little likelihood they will come back. Regardless of which office is closed, we lose some ability to work within the forest. We need to be doing something with this forest. We hope for more management. In 1960's 583.3 million board feet were harvested without a huge change to the forest. In 2000's the numbers are much smaller. We would appreciate an update to the figures.

The Board of County Commissioners met regarding GIS Data Base for 9-1-1. Present were Ken Miller and Mike Snook, GIS; Joe Frolich, IS; Joanna Hamilton, 9-1-1. Ken said they have accomplished some mailing: Qwest error report, Master Street Access Guide. This is a list of all the roads in the County. The complete table goes to Entrato. The database table will be used as a guide. When someone calls 9-1-1 switches route the call, picking up data and sending it with the call. This information helps 9-1-1 determine who to send. Qwest has put it on us to straighten out their database, about 12,000 records. This is the error report where they say we must receive a 95% rating. Then we will be eligible to be an enhanced 9-1-1. Ken is not sure we will make it this time. The database will be tested against the message; if things are found wrong it will have to be done again. It will probably take one month to get information entered and another month for testing. When the error report is returned and we are faced with the whole thing again, there is no way to know how much longer it takes. Phone calls should be

made in the evening. Commissioner Lund stated she was hoping dispatchers could use spare time in the evenings to make phone calls to get through the list. Right now they are probably between 90-95%. They maintain a point file with everyone's address attached to a physical point. It is the only way for 9-1-1 to have accurate information. Entrado contracted with Qwest.

Joanna said a different company owns them now, but the same work is done.

Ken said Logisys is a computer-aided dispatch. We are trying to make data match the requirements of Logisys; they assured us our point file would not be wasted. We have many examples of addresses where the house is so far from the road that the computer cannot estimate where the house is located. An address range is needed for people who are coming in.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if some citizens are renaming their properties.

Ken said someone had a two-track road going up to his land. Without an address change the ambulance won't be able to find him. There was a case with a Wyant Lane address where some subdividing and naming a new road had been done, but no address change was made. If the computer decides how to number a new dwelling, it will be wrong more often than right. GIS can alleviate many of the problems. At this point the Logisys solution will not help.

Joanna said the Logisys people who made the promises have left the company.

Commissioner Chilcott said written assurances should be obtained.

Ken said he had concerns about the proposal. One was not seeing anything about the point file. Joanna used to have a small piece of software that would search our point file and locate property.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if the Logisys program could be fixed to read our point file.

Joanna said they complained; the issue hasn't been addressed.

Ken said when he demonstrates what they have accomplished he will illustrate the application that some departments are using. He hopes it will generate interest in what is being accomplished now and what can be done. Data issues are also a concern. If a thing is nailed down we can map it and make it available. Whenever data is converted there is a chance for error. If Joanna is going to use data it should be the same data used everywhere within County departments. Conversion of data from our program to other formats is not possible at this time.

Commissioner Chilcott said it seems like we should be sitting down with Logisys and explaining the concerns and needs.

Joanna said CAD is not user-friendly for 9-1-1. Making it work is a daily frustration. Commissioner Chilcott asked about options.

Joanna said they are locked into a contract.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if it is possible to correct it with them or not.

Joanna said they must understand they have to use the information we give them.

Commissioner Lund said the money is spent; they can't use the point file. Why are we doing this?

Joanna asked, "Where is customer service"?

Commissioner Lund asked why try working with them if they cannot do this?

Ken said requiring them to use our point file is a lot of recoding for them; for a County to map their address and place a point on the map is unique. When we do a demonstration on the smart board we will try to have something to point so we can show how it should work, so you can see that things could happen a certain way, rather than having a computer guess how they should be. E-9-1-1 is a big bucket to throw money into. If everyone can get an idea of how to use a point file, we can all be on the same page. Data are in meters and some information must be converted to feet.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if this is a software issue. Ken agreed.

Commissioner Chilcott asked what it would cost to have software written to meld programs. We need data; they promised to provide the means to that end.

Joanna said they only respond when we rock the boat.

Ken said if everyone could see it on the screen you would have a better idea.

Commissioner Chilcott advised them to get it together before meeting with Logisys; show them what we need and expect.

Commissioner Lund said there is more room for errors when conversions are done. If we have a simple solution they need to work with that. There has to be an answer.

Ken said there are four of us who can get this handled. We can get the County to the point where Logisys and Black Mountain will wither on the vine. Given enough time and direction, the four of us can come up with something. Our stuff can take over.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if this could be developed in-house.

Ken said yes, according to the needs of the County, not some other company.

Commissioner Lund said the bottom line is the mapping system.

Commissioner Chilcott said we want to give dispatchers all the information possible to make the best decisions. It sounds like Logisys can't do what we need.

Mike said GIS makes the most sense because of its accuracy.

Ken said Butte dumped Logisys. He and Mike see the world as a map. It makes the most sense to utilize GIS data.

Commissioner Chilcott said to identify what solution can be found; get Logisys in here and show them where we want to be and see if they can help. If not, terminate the contract with them and look elsewhere.

In other business, the BCC met for a decision on naming rights and loan documents for the Event Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. Present at this meeting was Fair Manager Gary Wiley. It was noted by conference call with Civil Counsel James McCubbin that the loan agreement and resolution would not be able to take place this date, due to one of the bank officers being unavailable. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to continue this meeting until April 13, 2006, at 8:45 a.m. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Chilcott attended a Rocky Mountain Lab and Community Liaison Group meeting during the evening hours at the Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital.